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DEMOCRATIC ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION MEMBERS SEND LETTER TO SPEAKER VOS REGARDING SCHOOL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

MADISON –Today, Democratic members of the Assembly Committee on Education sent a letter to Speaker Robin Vos urging expedient concurrence of Senate Bill 67 (SB67) also known as Assembly Bill 78 (AB78). The bill seeks to pause DPI state assessment reporting for 2014-2015, allowing schools to adjust to changing testing requirements.

In the letter, Representatives noted that state assessments are to begin on April 13, less than one week away. With the limited time remaining, many administrators, teachers and families are left concerned about what this year's assessment will mean for their schools.

"SB67 is a commonsense proposal with bi-partisan support," said Rep. Sondy Pope, ranking Democratic member of the Committee on Education. "I urge Speaker Vos to make the responsible choice for our schools and students, and bring this proposal to the floor."

SB67 passed the Senate in mid-March. AB78 was scheduled for an executive session on March 12th, along with AB1, the school accountability bill. The session was later canceled due to the unpopularity of AB1 and its substitute amendment ASA1-AB1.

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